

One of these days such men as Bowman, Knepper, Haskins, Tombaugh and Talley and all the rest that compose the strength of our present ministry will be called away. Who will take their places? It may be said "The Lord will provide." Yes, if we help Him. The Lord provides bread, but let us all stop working and see how long He will provide. The success of the cause of Christ has always depended upon human co-operation, hence a sense of mere self-preservation, a desire to perpetuate the church for our children should impel us to fore-stall the future, by educating and establishing a strong ministry. To my mind there is no greater need in the Brethren church, sanctification excepted, to-day than the re-opening of our College. If any are impressed with a desire to comply with the commission of Christ, pray and labor, and give for the establishment of the school. I do not mean to let go of any work already commenced. "Hold the fort," but let our churches, our Sunday-school conventions, our district conferences, our national conference, all labor and pray for the laying of a strong foundation for future operations in the establishment of a strong educational center.

This article is not written at the instigation of our College management, but as my own solemn conviction. It makes my heart ache when I hear of the unwillingness of the mortgagees of the College to relinquish a part of their claims, but it makes it ache many times more, when I hear of churches, and rich churches at that, that refuse to pay the small amount that has been apportioned to them; it is a shame, if not right-down dishonesty to refuse to pay what we have promised representatively time, and time and again.

When I speak of a school I do not mean a technical or scientific institution, but a school to study the English language, the English Bible, the mission and office of the Holy Spirit, the condition of the world, the opportunities and duties of the church methods of practical work etc.

The Mission Board has at this time about five hundred dollars subscribed toward foreign missions, and also a worthy candidate for the field, but it cannot do anything for the water of preliminary training, and knowledge of the field. We must either send our would be missionaries to other schools, or establish one ourselves before the work can go any farther.

I am very much encouraged with the present aspect of things, the last eighteen months have proven that our people will respond to appeals for any worthy cause. There is a deep heart felt longing in the hearts of many for a deeper spiritual life. There is a growing determination to free our College from the burden of debt. If these tendencies are prayerfully fostered, we will soon emerge into new life and activity. Let the programme committees of our coming conventions be careful to give much time to spiritual and educational subjects. Let them be careful not to select speakers for their elo-

quence or literary ability, but select such as appreciate the need of the day, so that the slumbering embers of the Holy Ghost fire, may be stirred and the church speedily enter upon her, God appointed mission. Much can be done through our conferences, but we will never bring our general work into successful operation until we authorize and employ some one to carry the purpose, and spirit, and enthusiasm of our conferences into the several churches, in other words, not until we send out what is commonly called a field secretary to keep our needs constantly before the people, and organize the work as he goes along. For the present let us all pray for the deliverance of Ashland University.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Our Dead

FRGE.—Virginia F. Frge, died February 23, 1898, aged 27 years 1 month and 4 days. Sister Frge was formerly of near Quicksburg, Va. She died near Penn Laird Va., where she has lived recently. She leaves an infant babe, two children, a husband and others to mourn their loss.

Funeral by,
GEO. A. COPP.

GILKISON.—Allen Delong Gilkison was born near Zanesville, Washington county, Ohio, March 1, 1820, died Feb. 20, 1898, aged 78 years. He leaves a wife and one daughter to mourn his departure, and a host of friends. He was an active member of the Brethren church and died as he lived, respected by all who knew him.

MRS. W. J. ORN.

REITZ.—At Memorial Hospital Johnstown, Pa., March 2, 1898, of a long standing trouble, sister Eleanora Reitz, aged 38 1 month. Sister Reitz was a daughter of brother Henry Stull, who departed this life just one month before. She died in the triumph of a living hope. Her remains were brought back to her old home and interred in the Brethren cemetery at Downey Pa. Husband and two children mourn their great loss. Funeral services by the writer.

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

Berlin, Pa.

Matrimonial

RENCH—CLINE.—G. W. Rench and Miss Grace Cline were joined in marriage at South Bend on Feb. 22, by Brother Furry of the South Bend Brethren church. Brother Rench and wife left for Valparaise to attend school. He is fitting himself for greater usefulness. May God's choicest blessing go with them both.

MRS. W. J. ORN.

BROWER—HARKLON.—On March the 3, 1898, at the brides home with the Stover family near Wincheater, Preble, Co., Ohio, Mr. Josiah Brower and sister Nora Harklon, in the presence of a number of admiring friends all eager to extend their warm and

earnest congratulations. May God's blessing be theirs all thro life.

JOSIAH KEIM.

ROBBINS—FOSTER.—Sunday Feb. 27, 1898, at Warsaw, Ind., Mr. Floyd Robbins and Miss Eva Foster were united in marriage by the writer. Both are members of the Brethren church of Warsaw and both are model young people in every respect. Their union cannot help but be a happy one. Such is the wish of their many friends.

C. F. YODER.

PAYNE—BARNES.—At the home of Brother John Barnes near Glenford, Ohio, Brother Herbert G. Payne and Sister Mary N. Barnes were united in Christian marriage. We pray that God through Christ may richly bless them in every way, to his own glory.

J. M. BOWMAN.

Glenford, Ohio.

Church News

Holsingerisms—No. 15

This week I must be brief. On the forenoon of March 1, I was taken with a violent pain in the region of the heart, and for a short time I thought the end had come. But the doctor was sent for, and now on the 4th I'm able to use one hand on the machine at short intervals.

In EVANGELIST No. 6, I notice an obituary of Henry G. Ullery, of Covington, Ohio, signed by some "Rev." When I used to know H. G. Ullery he was a member of the Brethren church and, was an elder. He took an active part in the Dayton convention, and was a member of the committee on the Brethren Hymnody. Now I do not like such half-hearted, evasive notices in our church paper. I want to know who are members of the church and who are not, and the obituary notice is about the last we hear of persons in ordinary life. Brother Ullery was one of the strong men of the Brethren church in southern Ohio, in its early history, and I would love to know something of his relations to the church in the decline of his life.

Last EVANGELIST brings word of the death of brother George Dubbs, of Milford, Ind. And so another charter member of the Brethren church has been removed. I remember very distinctly of preparing for performing baptism at his house, in the early history of the Milford church. He and I were born in the same year, he in July and I in May.

I appreciate brother S. B. Furry's response and in most of his remarks I can acquiesce; I can scarcely see how it can be said that the church does not sanction secret societies when she communes with them, and suffers Free Masons to preach for her, and to occupy positions of trust and influence in our conferences, and other church work. I have no inclination to go anywhere else, but I am very much inclined to get things "set in order" according to the gospel among ourselves. My motto is, "My church right or wrong; when right to be kept right, and